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In re Application of

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TREATMENT OF POLYSULPHIDE
LIQUORS GENERATED BY
OXIDATION

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**RESPONSE TO TELEPHONE
RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

This follows the telephone discussion with Examiner Alvo.

By telephone, election was required as between claims 1 to 5 and 11 to 14, on the one hand, and claims 6 to 10, on the other hand.

By a preliminary amendment which also included a second Information Disclosure Statement, dated June 2, 2003, new claims 15 to 18 were added. Claims 15 and 16 depend from claim 1, and claims 17 and 18 depend from claim 11.

As indicated by telephone, applicant elects claims 1 to 5 and 11 to 14, with traverse, and claims 15 to 18 should be included since they belong to claims 1 to 5 and 11 to 14.

The traverse is on the basis that claim 1 is a generic claim to the method of claim 6 as well as the method of claim 11. The election requirement is understood to have been on the basis that independent claims 1 and 11 are drawn to the manufacture of the liquor whereas independent claim 6 is drawn to the use of the

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liquor. Independent claim 11 is indeed drawn to the manufacture of the liquor, but claim 1 is more generic embracing both the manufacture of the liquor and the manufacture and subsequent use of the liquor.

Furthermore, independent claim 6 includes all the steps of manufacturing the liquor prior to its subsequent use.

If the manufacture is found to be novel and inventive, then clearly claim 6, which employs the manufacture together with subsequent steps, must also be novel and inventive.

It is believed that all the claims should be considered.

Action on the application is anticipated in due course.

Respectfully,

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